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Applicant presents this Reply Brief in response to the Examiner's Answer filed on January 29, 2007.

An oral hearing is being requested concurrently herewith along with the appropriate fees.

In the Examiner's Answer, the rejections raised in the final Office Action dated April 20, 2006, were essentially repeated. Accordingly, Applicant's comments on pages 3-12 address those rejections and are re-emphasized and incorporated herein by reference.

In addition, the Examiner's Answer includes a section (10) titled "Response to Argument." The present Reply Brief addresses comments included in that section (10) of the Examiner's Answer. In that section of the Examiner's Answer, the Moon et al. patent is mischaracterized by equating a graphic display of one or more meters as "a plurality of patient

programmable options on at least one first menu.” It is clear that the rejections of the claims are erroneously based on that mischaracterization and, as a result, the rejections are not proper and should be reversed.

More specifically, the Examiner stated that the Moon et al. patent is used in the rejections “to show the level of skill in the display art when dealing with the adding and removing of icons or options.” (Examiner’s Answer, pg. 9, ll. 11-14) The specific language of claim 12 that relates to displaying “options” is recited as follows:

“wherein the CD display is controlled to depict a plurality of patient programmable options on at least one first menu and wherein at least one of the patient programmable options may be enabled and disabled at different times from a second menu such that when disabled the at least one patient programmable option is no longer displayed on the at least one first menu as an option while at least one enabled option is displayed on the at least one first menu.” (underlines added for emphasis)

The display configurations described in the Moon et al. patent do not anticipate or suggest the above features of claim 12. The Examiner has acknowledged that other references cited in the rejections fail to meet the above-quoted features of claim 12 (Examiner’s Answer, pg. 9, ll. 10-11, pg. 10, ll. 10-12 and pg. 11, ll. 21-22.) Accordingly, even if the Moon et al. patent were somehow combined with the other cited references in the manner suggested by the Examiner (which combination Applicant traverses in the Appeal Brief), the result would not meet or suggest the claimed invention.

As described below, Moon et al. do not describe or suggest first and second menus as recited in claim 12, or a plurality of programmable options on a first menu (or screen) in combination with a second menu (or screen) from which at least one of those programmable options may be enabled or disabled as recited in claims 12 and 29.

Moon et al. describe displaying graphics of meters and icons in a display area 140 (Moon et al., Figs 3-6). Moon et al. refer to the display area 140 as a “status bar.” The status bar 140 has a small meter area 450 for a sequencing or rotating meter, while fixed (non-rotating) meters

that never leave the screen are at other locations along the status bar 140. (Moon et al., col. 5, ll. 53-56 and col. 6, ll. 33-49). The status bar 140 is not a menu, but is simply a display (albeit a display having a rotating display area and a fixed display area). The meters or icons displayed on the status bar 140 are simply visual information and are not programmable from the status bar 140. Because the status bar 140 merely displays the meters or icons as visual information and provides no mechanism for selecting (programming) the options, Moon et al.'s meters or icons on the status bar 140 are not programmable options on a first menu.

The term "menu" has an ordinary meaning in computer display arts as a display of items from which a user can select. The ability to select an item from the menu is a key difference between a simple display of information and a menu. Attached is a copy of a page from Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, 726 (10<sup>th</sup> ed. 1988) that shows a common definition of "menu" (in the context of a computer display) as "a list shown on the display of a computer from which a user can select the operation the computer is to perform." Moon et al.'s display of meters or icons on the status bar 140 is not a list from which a user can select anything. Instead, Moon et al.'s status bar 140 is simply a display of visible information.

Also, in describing the Moon et al. patent as "adding and removing icons *or options*" (italics added for emphasis)(Examiner's Answer pg. 9, l. 14), the Moon et al. patent is erroneously mischaracterized. Moon et al. do not refer to the meters or icons in the status bar 140 as "*options*." As discussed above, the status bar 140 displays meters and icons as visible information, but no mechanism is provided for opting any of the meters or icons from the status bar 140.

By mischaracterizing the meters or icons in the status bar 140 as "options" (instead of displayed information) the Examiner is apparently referring to the functions described by Moon et al. with respect to the "Meters customization panel" in Fig. 7 of the Moon et al. patent. In particular, the Examiner states "[t]he screen displays are edited by the user as described in column 7, line 11-28 and column 8, line 36-45, which allow the user to remove or add certain 'meters' to a specific screen, thus changing the screen to display or not display a certain option." (Examiner's Answer, pg. 9, l. 19 to pg. 10, l. 1.)

The display screen panel shown in Fig. 7 of the Moon et al. patent is used to customize the status bar 140 (of the display in Figs. 3-6). From an area 330 on the panel in Fig. 7, fixed meters can be added or removed from the status bar 140 display. Similarly, from an area 350 on the panel in Fig. 7, rotating meters can be added or removed from the status bar display. Thus, by using areas 330 and 350 of the panel in Fig. 7, a user may customize the display in the status bar 140 to add or delete meters or icons from the display. However, once the panel in Fig. 7 has been used to select meters or icons for display on the status bar 140, the user shifts to a different display screen panel (e.g., as shown in Figs. 3-6) to view the status bar 140. As described above, once the user has shifted to a display screen on which the status bar 140 (and meters or icons) are displayed, the meters or icons now set on the status bar 140 are merely visible display information, not programmable options on a menu.

In that regard, referring to the above-quoted language from claim 12, Moon et al.'s status bar 140 simply displays visible information and, thus, could not be a display that is "controlled to depict a plurality of patient programmable options on at least one first menu" In addition, Moon et al.'s status bar 140 provides no mechanism for enabling or disabling options and, thus, could not be "a second menu" from which "at least one of the patient programmable options may be enabled and disabled." While Moon et al.'s panel in Fig. 7 allows a user to add or delete meters or icons from the status bar 140, Fig. 7 could not be both the first and second menus recited in claim 12. Accordingly, Moon et al. do not disclose or suggest a display that is "controlled to depict a plurality of patient programmable options on at least one first menu and wherein at least one of the patient programmable options may be enabled and disabled at different times from a second menu."

In addition, while Moon et al.'s panel in Fig. 7 allows a user to add or delete meters or icons from the status bar 140, the addition or deletion of a meter or an icon to the status bar 140 does not enable or disable a programmable option. Moon et al. define the term "meter" as used in their patent as "a 'small' application program that constantly monitors the computer system in the background (or checks the system periodically), and displays the information graphically." (Moon et al., col. 2, ll. 39-43 and also at col. 5, ll. 49-53.) Moon et al.'s Fig. 7 is described as allowing the user to add or delete display graphics from the status bar 140. However, Moon et al.

provide no description or suggestion of enabling or disabling any of the meter programs. Indeed, Moon et al.'s definition of a meter as an application program that is constantly running in the background teaches that the meters are always enabled (constantly running). Thus, according to Moon et al.'s teaching, it is only the graphic display of the meter or icon application that is added or deleted to the status bar 140 from the panel in Fig. 7, while the actual application program remains running in the background regardless of whether or not the graphic of the meter or icon is shown on the status bar. Therefore, Moon et al. do not teach or suggest "a second menu" from which "at least one of the patient programmable options may be enabled and disabled at different times" as recited in claim 12.

Accordingly the Examiner's reliance on the Moon et al. patent as describing the above-quoted features of claim 12 is respectfully traversed. A primary basis for the rejections (that, according to the Examiner's Answer, pg. 12, ll. 2-4, "[o]nce the graphic interface of Moon et al. is implemented with the basic programming of Tune et al. and Causey et al. III, applicant's invention would be anticipated") is erroneous.

As described above, Moon et al. (as well as each of the other patents cited in the rejections) neither describe nor suggest a "CD display" that is "controlled to depict a plurality of patient programmable options on at least one first menu and wherein at least one of the patient programmable options may be enabled and disabled at different times from a second menu such that when disabled the at least one patient programmable option is no longer displayed on the at least one first menu as an option while at least one enabled option is displayed on the at least one first menu" (underlines added for emphasis), as recited in claim 12. Accordingly, even if the Moon et al. patent were somehow combined with Tune et al. (USP 5,630,710) and Goedeke (USP 5,904,708) or somehow combined with Causey, III et al. (USP 6,641,533) in the manner suggested by the Examiner (which combinations Applicant traverses in the Appeal Brief), the result would not meet or suggest the claimed invention.

The above comments are focused on independent claim 12. However, similar comments apply to the rejection of claim 29. While claim 29 refers to first and second display screens (instead of first and second menus), claim 29 recites other features that are similar to those discussed above with respect to claim 12, including a CD display that is "controlled to depict a

plurality of patient programmable options on at least one first display screen and wherein at least one of the patient programmable options may be enabled and disabled at different times from a second display screen such that when disabled the at least one patient programmable option is no longer displayed on the at least one first display screen as an option while at least one enabled option is displayed on the at least one first display screen.”

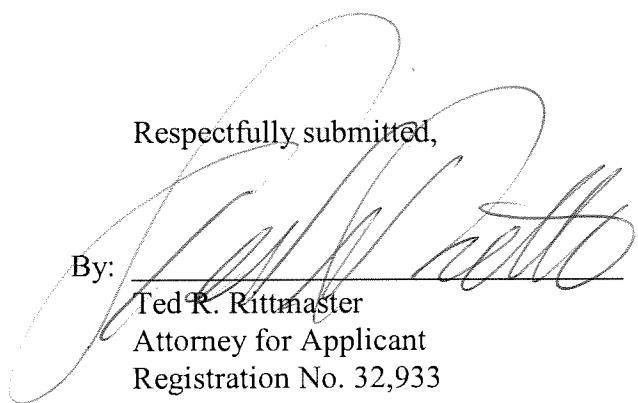
As discussed above, the Moon et al. reference does not disclose or suggest features recited in claims 12 and/or claim 29, including a “CD display” that is “controlled to depict a plurality of patient programmable options on at least one first menu (or screen)” and “wherein at least one of the patient programmable options may be enabled and disabled at different times from a second menu (or screen).” As explained in the Appeal Brief and acknowledged by the Examiner, other references cited in the rejection (including Tune et al. and Causey, III et al.) fail to teach those features. Indeed, none of the references of record has been established as meeting or suggesting the above features of claims 12 and 29.

To establish *prima facie* obviousness of a claimed invention, all the claim limitations must be taught or suggested by the prior art. *In re Royka*, 490 F.2d 981, 180 USPQ 580 (CCPA 1974). “All words in a claim must be considered in judging the patentability of that claim against the prior art.” *In re Wilson*, 424 F.2d 1382, 1385, 165 USPQ 494, 496 (CCPA 1970).

In view of the forgoing and Applicant’s Appeal Brief, it is respectfully submitted that the examiner has failed to establish *prima facie* obviousness. Accordingly, the rejections of claims 6-29 are traversed and should be reversed.

Respectfully submitted,

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propriate to a servant : HUMBLE, SERVILE (answered in ~ tones) **b** : lacking interest or dignity (a ~ task) — **me-nial-ly** *adv*

**Mé-nière's disease** (mən-'yerz-, 'men-yar-z) *n* [Prosper Ménière †1862 Fr. physician] (1876) : a disorder of the membranous labyrinth of the inner ear that is marked by recurrent attacks of dizziness, tinnitus, and deafness — called also **Ménière's syndrome**

**mening-** or **meningo-** also **meningi-** comb form [NL, fr. *mening-, meninx*] 1 : meninges (<meningococcus> (<meningitis>) 2 : meninges and (<meningocephalitis>)

**men-in-ge-al** \me-nən-'jē-əl/ *adj* (1829) : of, relating to, or affecting the meninges

**meninges** *pl of MENINX*

**me-nin-gi-o-ma** \mə-'nin-jē-'ō-mə/ *n, pl -mas or -ma-ta* \-'ō-mə-tə/ [NL] (1922) : a slow-growing encapsulated tumor arising from the meninges and often causing damage by pressing upon the brain and adjacent parts

**men-in-gi-tis** \me-nən-'ji-təs/ *n, pl -git-i-des* \-'ji-tə-'dēz/ [NL] (1828) 1 : inflammation of the meninges and esp. of the pia mater and the arachnoid 2 : a usu. bacterial disease in which inflammation of the meninges occurs — **men-in-gi-tic** \-'ji-tik/ *adj*

**men-in-go-coc-cus** \mə-'nin-gə-'kə-kəs-, 'nin-jə-/ *n, pl -coc-ci* \-'kək-si-, 'sē-, 'kə-kī-, 'kē/ [NL] (ca. 1893) : the bacterium (*Neisseria meningitidis*) that causes cerebrospinal meningitis — **men-in-go-coc-cal** \-'kə-kəl/ also **men-in-go-coc-cic** \-'kək-sik-, 'kə-kīk/ *adj*

**men-in-go-en-ceph-a-li-tis** \gō-'ən-sē-fə-'li-təs-, 'jō-/ *n, pl -liti-des* \-'li-tə-'dēz/ [NL] (ca. 1860) : inflammation of the brain and meninges — **men-in-go-en-ceph-a-li-tic** \-'li-tik/ *adj*

**men-inx** \mē-nīŋ(k)s-, 'me-/ *n, pl me-nin-ges* \mə-'nin-(ə)jēz/ [NL, fr. Gk *mening-, meninx* membrane] (1543) : any of the three membranes that envelop the brain and spinal cord

**men-is-cus** \mə-'nis-kəs/ *n, pl me-nis-ci* \-'ni-ski-, 'skē-, 'sī/ also **men-is-cuses** [NL, fr. Gk *meniskos*, fr. dim. of *mēnē* moon, crescent — more at MOON] (1693) 1 : a concavo-convex lens 2 : a crescent or crescent-shaped body 3 : the curved upper surface of a column of liquid 4 : a fibrous cartilage within a joint esp. of the knee

**Men-na-nite** \mē-nə-'ni-/ *n* [G Mennonite, fr. *Menno* Simons] (1565) : a member of any of various Protestant groups derived from the Anabaptist movement in Holland and characterized by congregational autonomy and rejection of military service

**meno-** — **SEE** MEN-

**me-no-mo-sō** \mə-'nō-'mō-s(ə)-, 'sō/ *adv* [It] (ca. 1854) : less rapid — used as a direction in music

**men-o-pause** \mē-nə-'pōz-, 'mē-/ *n* [F *ménopause*, fr. *mén-* men- + *pause* stop, pause] (1872) : the period of natural cessation of menstruation occurring usu. between the ages of 45 and 50 — **men-o-pausal** \mə-'nə-pō-zəl-, 'mē-/ *adj*

**me-no-rah** \mə-'nō-rə-, 'nō-r-/ *n* [Heb *mēnorāh* candlestick] (1888) : a candelabrum with seven or nine candles that is used in Jewish worship

**men-or-rh-a-gia** \mē-'nə-rə-'jē-/ *n, pl -rā-zhā-, 'rā-jā-, 'zhā-/ [NL] (ca. 1784) : abnormally profuse menstrual flow*

**men-sal** \mēn(t)-səl/ *adj* [ME, fr. LL *mensalis*, fr. L *mensa* table] (15c) : of, relating to, or done at the table

**mensh** \mēn(t)sh/ *n* [Yiddish *mentsh* human being, fr. MHG *mensh*, fr. OHG *mennisc*; akin to OE *man* human being, man] (1953) : a person of integrity and honor

**mense** \mēn(t)s/ *n* [ME *menske* honor, fr. ON *mennska* humanity; akin to OE *man*] (ca. 1500) chiefly Scot : PROPRIETY — **mense-ful** \-fəl/ *adj* — **mense-less** \-ləs/ *adj*

**mense** *vi* mensed; **mensing** (1540) chiefly Scot : to do honor to : GRACE

**men-ses** \mēn-'sēz/ *n, pl but sing or pl in constr* [L, lit., months, pl. of *mensis* month — more at MOON] (1597) : the menstrual flow

**men-she-vik** \mēn(t)-shə-'vik-, 'vək-/ *n, pl Mensheviks or Men-she-vi-ki \mēn(t)-shə-'vi-kē-, 'vē-kē/ [Russ *men'shevik*, fr. *men'she* less; fr. their forming the minority group of the party] (1907) : a member of a wing of the Russian Social Democratic party before and during the Russian Revolution believing in the gradual achievement of socialism by parliamentary methods in opposition to the Bolsheviks — **Men-she-vism** \mēn(t)-shə-'vi-zəm/ *n* — **Men-she-vist** \-vist/ *n* or *adj**

**mens rea** \mēnz-'rē-/ *n* [NL, lit., guilty mind] (1861) : criminal intent

**men's room** *n* (1929) : a room equipped with one or more sinks, toilets, and usu. urinals for the use of men and boys

**men-stru-al** \mēn(t)-strū-'əl-, 'strāl/ *adj* (14c) : of or relating to menstruation

**men-stru-ate** \mēn(t)-strū-'wāt-, 'men-'strāt/ *vi -at-ed; -at-ing* [LL *menstruatus*, pp. of *menstruari*, fr. L *menstrua* menses, fr. neut. pl. of *menstruus* monthly, fr. *mensis*] (1800) : to undergo menstruation

**men-stru-a-tion** \mēn(t)-strū-'wā-shən-, 'men-'strā-/ *n* (ca. 1784) : a discharging of blood, secretions, and tissue debris from the uterus that recurs in nonpregnant breeding-age primate females at approximately monthly intervals and that is considered to represent a readjustment of the uterus to the nonpregnant state following proliferative changes accompanying the preceding ovulation; also : PERIOD 6c

**men-stru-um** \mēn(t)-strū-'əm-, 'strəm/ *n, pl -stru-ums or -strua* \-strū-ə-, 'strā/ [ML, lit., menses, alter. of L *menstrua*] (1612) : a substance that dissolves a solid or holds it in suspension : SOLVENT

**men-su-ra-ble** \mēn(t)-sə-'rə-bəl-, 'mēn(t)-sə-'rə-, 'shə-/ *adj* [LL *mensurabilis*, fr. *mensurare* to measure, fr. L *mensura* measure — more at MEASURE] (1604) 1 : capable of being measured : MEASURABLE 2 : MENSTRUAL 1 — **men-sur-a-bil-ity** \mēn(t)-sə-'bi-lə-tē-, 'mēn(t)-sə-'rə-, 'shə-/ *n*

**men-su-ral** \mēn(t)-sə-'rəl-, 'mēn(t)-sə-'rəl-, 'shə-/ *adj* [LL *mensuralis* measurable, fr. L *mensura*] (1609) 1 : of, relating to, or being polyphonic music originating in the 13th century with each note having a definite and exact time value 2 : of or relating to measure

**men-su-ra-tion** \mēn(t)-sə-'rā-shən-, 'shə-/ *n* (1571) 1 : the act of measuring : MEASUREMENT 2 : geometry applied to the computation of lengths, areas, or volumes from given dimensions or angles

**mens-wear** \mēnz-'war-, 'wer/ *n* (1908) : clothing for men

**-ment** \mənt/ *in verbs derived by functional shift* (as ORNAMENT) *ment* also *mənt* *n* suffix [ME, fr. OF, fr. L *-mentum*; akin to L *-men*, suffix denoting concrete result, Gk *-mat-, -ma*] 1 a : concrete result, object, or agent of a (specified) action (<bankment> (<entanglement>) b : concrete means or instrument of a (specified) action (<entertainment>) 2 a : action : process (<encirclement> (<development>) b : place of a (specified) action (<encampment>) 3 : state or condition resulting from a (specified action) (<involvement>)

**men-tal** \mēn-'təl/ *adj* [ME, fr. MF, fr. LL *mentalis*, fr. L *ment-*, *mens* mind — more at MIND] (15c) 1 a : of or relating to the mind; specif : of or relating to the total emotional and intellectual response of an individual to external reality (<health>) b : of or relating to intellectual as contrasted with emotional activity c : of, relating to, or being intellectual as contrasted with overt physical activity d : occurring or experienced in the mind : INNER (<anguish>) e : relating to the mind, its activity, or its products as an object of study : IDEOLOGICAL f : relating to spirit or idea as opposed to matter 2 a (1) : of, relating to, or affected by a psychiatric disorder (a ~ patient) (<illness>) (2) : mentally disordered : MAD, CRAZY b : intended for the care or treatment of persons affected by psychiatric disorders (<hospitals>) 3 : of or relating to telepathic or mind-reading powers — **men-tal-ly** \-təl-ē/ *adv*

**mental** *adj* [L *mentum* chin — more at MOUTH] (ca. 1727) : of or relating to the chin : GENIAL

**mental age** *n* (1912) : a measure used in psychological testing that expresses an individual's mental attainment in terms of the number of years it takes an average child to reach the same level

**mental deficiency** *n* (1856) : MENTAL RETARDATION

**men-tal-ist** \mēn-'təl-ist/ *n* (1930) : MIND READER

**men-tal-is-tic** \mēn-'təl-'is-tik/ *adj* (1882) 1 : of or relating to any school of psychology or psychiatry that in contrast to behaviorism values subjective data (as those gained by introspection) in the study and explanation of behavior 2 : of or relating to mental phenomena — **men-tal-ism** \mēn-'təl-'i-zəm/ *n*

**men-tal-ity** \mēn-'tə-lə-tē-/ *n, pl -ties* (1691) 1 : mental power or capacity : INTELLIGENCE 2 : mode or way of thought : OUTLOOK

**mental retardation** *n* (1914) : subaverage intellectual ability that is equivalent to or less than an IQ of 70, is present from birth or infancy, and is manifested esp. by abnormal development, by learning difficulties, and by problems in social adjustment

**men-ta-tion** \mēn-'tā-shən/ *n* [L *ment-*, *mens* + E *-ation*] (1850) : mental activity

**men-thol** \mēn-'thōl-, 'thōl/ *n* [G, ultim. fr. L *mentha* mint] (1876) : a crystalline alcohol C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O that occurs esp. in mint oils and has the odor and cooling properties of peppermint

**men-tho-lat-ed** \mēn(t)-thə-'lāt-/ *adj* (1922) : containing or impregnated with menthol (a ~ salve)

**men-tion** \mēn(t)-shən/ *n* [ME *mencioun*, fr. MF *mention*, fr. L *mentio-, mentio*; akin to L *meminisse* to remember, *ment-*, *mens* mind] (14c) 1 : the act or an instance of citing or calling attention to someone or something esp. in a casual or incidental manner 2 : formal citation for outstanding achievement

**mention** *vi* men-tioned; **men-tion-ing** \mēn(t)-sh(ə)-'niŋ/ (1530) : to make mention of : refer to; also : to cite for outstanding achievement — **men-tion-able** \mēn(t)-sh(ə)-'nə-bəl/ *adj* — **men-tion-er** \-sh(ə)-'nər/ *n* — **not to mention** : to say nothing of

**men-tor** \mēn-'tōr-, 'tər/ *n* [L, fr. Gk *Mentor*] 1 cap : a friend of Odysseus entrusted with the education of Odysseus' son Telemachus 2 a : a trusted counselor or guide b : TUTOR, COACH — **men-tor-ship** \-ship/ *n*

**mentor** *vi* (1983) : to serve as a mentor for

**men-tum** \mēn-'təm/ *n, pl men-ta* \-tə/ [L, chin — more at MOUTH] (1826) : a median plate of the labium of an insect

**menu** \mēn-'jū-, 'mān-/ *n, pl menus* [F, fr. *menu* small, detailed, fr. OF — more at MINUET] (1837) 1 a : a list of the dishes that may be ordered (as in a restaurant) or that are to be served (as at a banquet) b (1) : a comparable list or assortment of offerings (a ~ of television programs) (2) : a list shown on the display of a computer from which a user can select the operation the computer is to perform 2 : the dishes available for or served at a meal; also : the meal itself

**menu-driv-en** \-'dri-vən/ *adj* (1977) : relating to or being a computer program in which options are offered to the user via menus

**me-ow** \mē-'əu/ *n* [imit.] (1600) 1 : the cry of a cat 2 : a spiteful or malicious remark — **meow** *vi*

**me-per-i-dine** \mə-'pēr-ə-'dēn/ *n* [methyl + piperidine] (1947) : a synthetic narcotic drug C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> used in the form of its hydrochloride as an analgesic, sedative, and antispasmodic

**Meph-is-toph-eles** \mə-'fə-'stə-fē-'lēz/ *n* [G] : a chief devil in the Faust legend — **Me-ph-is-to-ph-e-li-an** \mə-fə-'stə-fē-'lē-ən-, mə-'fis-tə-/ or **Me-ph-is-to-ph-e-lean** \same, or mə-fə-'stə-fē-'lē-ən/ *adj*

**me-ph-it-ic** \mə-'fi-tik/ *adj* (ca. 1623) : of, relating to, or resembling mephitis : foul-smelling

**me-ph-i-tis** \mə-'fi-təs/ *n* [L] (ca. 1706) : a noxious, pestilential, or foul exhalation from the earth; also : STENCH

**me-p-ro-ham-ate** \mə-'prō-'hə-māt-/ *n* [methyl + propyl + dicarbamate] (1955) : a bitter carbamate C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> used as a tranquilizer

**-mer** *n* comb form [ISV, fr. Gk *meros* part — more at MERIT] : member of a (specified) class (monomer)

**mer-bro-min** \mər-'brō-mən/ *n* [mercuric + brom- + fluorescein] (1945) : a green crystalline mercurial compound C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>3</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>HgNa<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub> used as a topical antiseptic and germicide in the form of its red solution

**Mer-cal-li scale** \mər-'kāl-ē-, 'jāl-/ *n* [Giuseppe Mercalli †1914 Ital. priest and geologist] (1921) : a scale of earthquake intensity ranging from I for an earthquake detected only by seismographs to XII for one causing total destruction of all buildings

**mer-can-tile** \mər-'kən-, 'tēl-, 'tīl/ *adj* [F, fr. It, fr. *mercante* merchant, fr. L *mercanti-, mercans*, fr. pp. of *mercari* to trade — more at MARKET] (1642) 1 : of or relating to merchants or trading 2 : of, relating to, or having the characteristics of mercantilism (<system>)

**mer-can-til-ism** \-tē-lī-zəm-, 'tī-, 'tə-/ *n* (1873) 1 : the theory or

practice of mercantile pursuit; system developing during the d the power and esp. the monetar mental regulation of the entire : designed to secure an accumu trade, the development of agricu lishment of foreign trading mo *adj* — **mer-can-til-is-tic** \mər-'mer-'cap-tan/ \('mər-'kap-'tan/ *adj* (18 contain a thiol functional group **mer-cap-to-pu-rine** \('mər-'ka-purine/ (ca. 1952) : an antimeta the metabolism of purine base and that is sometimes useful in **Mer-ca-tor** \('mər-'kə-tər/ *adj* the Mercator projection **Mercator projection** *n* [Gerai map projection in the usual c parallel to each other and the whose distance from each othe equator



Mercator

**'mer-ce-nary** \mər-'s-n-er-/ *n* irreg. fr. *mercet*, *mercet* wages serves merely for wages; esp : a

**'mercenary** *adj* (1532) 1 : ser : VENAL; also : GREEDY 2 : hi country — **mer-ce-nar-i-ly** *adv*

**ness** \mər-'s-n-er-ē-nəs/ *n*

**mer-cer** \mər-'sər-/ *n* [ME, fr. (dise, fr. L *merc-*, *merx*] (13c) **Bi**

**mer-cer-ize** \mər-'sə-rīz/ *vt -i* calico printer] (1859) : to give receptiveness to dyes by treatm

**mer-cer-i-za-tion** \mər-'sə-rī-zā-tion/ *n*

**mer-cery** \mər-'sə-rē-, 'mər-sə-/ *n* wares, shop, or occupation

**'mer-chand-ise** \mər-'chən-'di-/ *n* marchandise, fr. *marchant*]

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